know the exact hour of arrival of trains and they have to reach Tumkur some two or three days after the dates of hearing. To avoid these inconveniences the 2nd Assistant Commissioner's office may be located at Tiptur which is the centre of the sub-division.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into and considered. But at present it does not seem to be necessary, as Assistant Commissioners have to travel for 7 months.

Subject No. 66

Residents of villages to be relieved of the duty of keeping night-watch by turns.

Mr. H. Krishnachar, Goribidnur Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—The rules at present require the residents in villages to keep watch by turns during nights without any distinction as to their caste, creed and social position. If any one should, by unavoidable circumstances, absent himself from his duty he is criminally fined. This is a great hardship to the people. As minor village servants are granted Inams as well as Miras it is but right that they should be deputed for this duty.

Reply of Government.—Is not practicable and cannot be done.

Subject No. 67.

Increase of Police Force.

Mr. E. R. George, Kolar Mining Board

Summary of discussion.—There is necessity for augmentation and improvement in Police and detective supervision, also for deterrent sentences. Thefts are alarmingly on the increase.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

Subject No. 68.

Additional Police Constables for the Melkote Police Station.

Mr. Varahaswami Iyengar of Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha of Melkote.

Summary of Discussion.—The Police watch at Melkote is not sufficient. The present staff consisting of 4 or 5 constables will have to patrol 50 or 60 villages. Petty thefts are occurring and the difficulties in the sheds and in the town at the time of the outbreak of plague are indescribable. It is therefore proposed that 4 more constables be added to the present staff.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Inspector General of Police for disposal.

Subject No. 69.

Investiture of powers to Patels under village Police Rules.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Petty Criminal offences committed in villages are now brought to Court which entails on raiyats expense and labour. It is prayed that qualified patels may be invested under village Police Rules with powers to enquire and dispose of petty cases committed in their respective villages.

Withdrawn.

Subject No. 70.

Shooting Licenses.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao of Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The existing grievances in regard to obtaining shooting licenses may be facilitated.

Mr. Vasudeva Rao.—"Licenses are not being issued to all applicants and it is not possible to ascertain how the discretion given is exercised. Out of 800 applications for shooting licenses, only 14 applications were granted, of which two were from Government officers."

Mr. Srinivasa Rao—"Shooting is a pasttime and there is hardship caused by withholding license."

Mr. Graham Anderson.—"Gun license and sporting license are different; the one appears to be confounded with the other."

Mr. Danvers.—"Those that get gun license ought, properly speaking, to get sporting license, when more sympathy is shown for game preservation."

Reply of Government.—No case has been made out for the interference of Government in this matter. Individual cases of hardship, if any, may be brought to the notice of Government.

Subject No. 71.

Requestng certain restrictions in granting licenses under the Arms Regulation.

Mr. Linge gowda of Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Mischievous people living in villages obtain licenses under the Arms Regulation and shoot people who are on inimical terms with them. It is requested that licenses may not be granted to such people and that the same may be granted only to those who pay kandayam of not less than 25 rupees or who can furnish security to the extent of Rs. 500. It is also requested that none but the licensee may be permitted to use a fire-arm.

Reply of Government.—The rules already provide for licenses being issued subject to precautions. The District Magistrate has full discretion as to the persons to whom licenses should be granted or renewed. A license covers only the person or persons named therein, and in exceptional cases the retainers of such a person. Let individual cases where licenses have been wrongly issued be represented.

Subject No. 72.

Exemption from holding License for Arms.

Mr. A. Narasimha Iyengar, Pleader, Sagar Taluk.
" Srinivasa Rao of Mysore Taluk.
" Madappa of Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that the head men of villages and other raiyats who pay large assessment, as also Inam, Jodi and Kayamguttadars, and merchants and such persons whom the Deputy Commissioner thinks deserving may be permitted to hold arms without a license.

Reply of Government.—Village Patels *are* now exempted. It is not possible to exempt Inamdars and others by a general order, but the rules provide for landholders of approved loyalty and good position being exempted according to lists to be issued by Government. Such exemptions are being granted in individual cases and with discrimination. Let the person wishing to be exempted apply to the Deputy Commissioner who will enquire into the matter and take the needful action.

Subject No. 73.

Municipal and District Board Members may be also exempted from the operation of the Arms Regulation.

Mr. Ranga Iyengar.
" Gopalaiya, Local Fund Member, Chitaldrug District.

Summary of discussion.—Order was passed to the effect that exemption from licenses for possessing guns may be granted only to the Dasara Representative Members. The same concession may be shown to Municipal and District Board members and Muzrai Dharmadarsis.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.